Safe Haven Program

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Description of Program

- The evacuation of federal active duty or DA Civilian dependents at the time of a natural disaster, war, riots, etc.
- The Soldier/DAC is in TDY or PCS status; he/she is NOT in evacuation status for the purpose of the Safe Haven program

USD (P&R) Policy

- Effective immediately, dependents of Service members who were ordered by a commander to evacuate military installations in LA, MS, and AL, due to Hurricane Katrina, are authorized to select an alternate safe haven within the CONUS. This authority applies to those individuals whose housing was declared uninhabitable by competent authority due to the effects of the hurricane. Dependents are to be processed for safe haven allowances IAW JFTR, Ch 6, Part B. Allowances may not exceed 180 days from the date dependents arrive at their alternate safe haven location. Those affected by this policy are authorized up to two months of advance pay (37 USC 1006(c)).
- Signed 1 Sep 05

Status vs “Safe Haven”

Active Duty	**EAD**	**T32-OP**	**Dual Status/ Non-military MILTECHs**	**T32-M-day**	**Demob**
Safe Haven Applies	Safe Haven Applies	Safe Haven Applies	Safe Haven Applies	SH does not apply	SH does not apply
Federal funding	Federal funding	Federal funding	Federal funding	State funding	N/A

Note: DFAS Team at Fort Polk already processing SH applicants to include MILT

Safe Haven Allowances

- Full per diem:
  - Includes Lodging, Meals and Incidentals
  - Paid at the locality rate for the Safe Haven location
  - Lodging is pd if not staying free with friends or family
  - If sign a rental agreement is signed with the F/F, will get lodging allowance

- **Per Diem Rates paid per day**:
  - 1-30 days:
    - 100% for each member > 12 years old
    - 50% for each member < 12 years old
  - 31-180* days:
    - 60% each > 12 yrs old
    - 30% each< 12 yrs old

- **Travel**
  - Government-paid travel to and from the Safe Haven location to PDS
  - Travel in/around Safe Haven area:
  - Paid $25.00 per day (if do not have a POV at the Safe Haven location)

- **Family Separation Allowance:**
  - Paid if the Soldier is not co-located with the family at the Safe Haven
  - $250 per month

- **HHG/POV shipments**:
  - Not authorized if in the Safe Haven program

- **Clothing Allowance:**
  - 1 evacuee = $250
  - 2 evacuees=$450
  - 3+evacuees=$600

* OSD is formulating policy to keep the 100%/50% amounts for entire durat

Soldier/DAC Processing (to request benefits)

- DD Forms 1610: evac orders for dependents
- DD Fm 117: for advance pay for Soldier
- DD Fm 1351-6: for multiple payments
  - (per diem, travel, advance and clothing allowance all on one form)
- DD Fm 2461: for civilian payments
- DD Fm 1351-2: Payments for DoD travel (file travel voucher for reimbursement)

Current Assistance to Soldier

- 6-person DFAS team on the way to Ft Polk
  - Counsel Soldiers on entitlements
- BG Carpenter/Mr. Wallace (HQ DA/G-1) in place at Ft Polk
  - Mr. Wallace has finance background
- BG Byrne/LTC Rob Porter in Kuwait
  - Pre-briefing Soldiers

Open Items

- OSD-RA: *"Safe Haven does not apply"*
  - M-Day Soldiers (not on active duty)
    - Materially affected with catastrophic losses by the hurricane
- OSD (P&R) - extending max allowances to include days 31-180
- DFAS:
  - What is the process for Soldiers
  - i.e. what forms to complete to initiate the travel & per diem
- ARNG/DA
  - *Who cuts the DD Forms 1610 for dependent orders?*
    - *Rear Det, Demob Station, DFAS, PSD?*

QUESTIONS ?